

# E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

June 2012

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **WNC Graduates Largest Class Ever**

For the third consecutive year, WNC has graduated the largest class in the college's history. The class of 2012 includes 467 graduates earning 511 degrees, five Bachelor of Technology graduates, 41 nursing graduates and 10 students earning bachelor's degrees from Nevada State College.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-24b.php>



### **Nursing Students Honored at Pinning Ceremony**

Associate of Applied Science Nursing graduates were recognized during a traditional pinning ceremony on Monday, May 21, at the Carson Nugget. Graduates Amanda Hall, Kelli McDonnell and Tamiya Ferguson were honored with additional accolades at the event. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-24a.php>

### **College Foundation Golf Tournament Seeking Players, Sponsors**

The WNC Foundation's annual Golf Classic is seeking additional sponsors and players. The popular and fun event tees off Monday, June 25, at Thunder Canyon Golf Course in Washoe Valley. Cost: \$125 or \$700 for business teams.

"The tournament has become a tradition with many golfers who return year after year," said Director of Development Amy Ginder. "It's a chance to give back to the community while having fun." In addition, anyone who can be a sponsor or provide a donation will be instrumental in directly helping WNC students.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-07a.php>



### **Lavender Crop Workshop Coming**

The WNC Specialty Crop Institute will teach *Lavender Production, Sales and Marketing*, on Monday, June 18, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. The workshop begins with a farm tour at Campie's Lavender Patch in Stagecoach, followed by a classroom lecture at WNC Carson City. Fee: \$45 (\$35 before June 11), and includes lunch.

[http://www.wnc.edu/ce/sci/2012\\_lavender\\_workshop.php](http://www.wnc.edu/ce/sci/2012_lavender_workshop.php)

## COLLEGE CORNER

### Hundreds Flock to Observatory for Solar Eclipse – Photo Essay



#### **Venus to Pass Between Earth and Sun on Tuesday, June 5**

Just weeks after the solar eclipse, another adventure is unfolding in the sky, and the Jack C. Observatory will again offer a front seat to the show. The planet Venus will pass directly between Earth and the Sun on Tuesday, June 5, beginning at 3:09 p.m. and continuing for almost seven hours. According to Observatory Director Robert Collier, visitors can watch the event through telescopes at the observatory from the start until sunset. He is warning the public not to stare at the sun without eye protection. Because Venus is so small against the Sun ( $1/32$  the size), a low power telescope is recommended. <http://www.wnc.edu/observatory/>

#### **'Start Here, Go Anywhere!'**

##### **WNC Debuts New Student Recruitment Media Campaign**

The college is rolling out a new student recruitment media campaign that illustrates the value of WNC in helping area residents achieve their academic goals. New television commercials use the phrase, *Start Here, Go Anywhere*, to illustrate the opportunities WNC can create. The ads feature WNC students Katy Christian, who has attended at three different WNC campuses; Bachelor of Technology student Randy Contreras; Fallon campus student Brittney Esposito; and new student body president Curtis Blackwell. Images and messaging will also be on Carson City bus ads, in college publications, and online. <http://www.wnc.edu/videos/advertising/>

##### **2012-2013 Academic Catalog Available Online**

The 2012-2013 academic catalog is now available online. Course descriptions, degree requirements and program information have been updated to reflect recent curriculum changes. <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/catalog/>

##### **Fallon Employment Workshops Continue Over Summer**

WNC Fallon Continuing Education is offering a series of employment workshops for anyone interested in refining communications techniques or brushing up on Microsoft Office skills. For a full list of June workshop offerings, visit [www.campusce.net/wnc](http://www.campusce.net/wnc)

## **Bike to Work Week A Success**

WNC faculty and staff logged 432.32 miles biked/walked during Bike to Work Week, for a total of 168 trips to and from the campus. Leading the pack was Joanna Lilly who biked 76.41 individual miles, followed by Dianne Hilliard (60 miles) and Dan Smith (48 miles). John Hawkins plodded the most by foot, walking 40.25 miles, followed by Peggy Stutsman (11 miles) and Delia Bottoms (10 miles). Donna Pigman made 15 trips to and from campus, followed by Ron Belbin (14 trips) and John Hawkins (12 trips). Other employees saved resources by commuting to work.

## **IN THE ARTS**

### **Professor Marilee Swirczek Honored by DAR**

English Professor Marilee Swirczek has received the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor for her work and devotion to the "Always Lost" project. She humbly accepted the award during a DAR ceremony in May, and credited her team for making the project possible. [http://www.wnc.edu/always\\_lost/](http://www.wnc.edu/always_lost/)



## **ATHLETICS**

### **Softball Team Rallies to Fund Cancer Treatment**

The Wildcats softball team will host a 5K walk/jog/run fund-raiser on Sunday, June 10, to help Melanie Pfeiffer, the team's shortstop and a 2012 WNC graduate, obtain the treatment she needs for melanoma skin cancer. Melanie recently turned 18 and as such has lost her medical insurance. Check in is at 3:30 p.m. at El Charro Avitia Restaurant, 4389 S. Carson Street. The race/run/walk begins at 4 p.m. It will be followed by music and food. Cost is \$25. Donations are also being accepted at Bank of America branches.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-24c.php>



### **Wildcats Baseball Team Earns Trip to JUCO World Series**

The Wildcats edged out Scenic West rival Salt Lake Community College to win the Western District Championship and earn a ticket to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. Western entered the World Series ranked #6 by the NJCAA. They fell to Polk State College (#3) in their first game, and rallied to defeat Cisco College, before falling to No. 1 Iowa Western



Community College. Congratulations on a great season, Wildcats!

WNC vs. Polk State- <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-26a.php>

WNC vs. Cisco College- <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-27a.php>

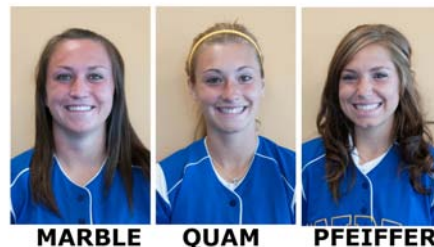
WNC vs. Iowa Western- <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-28b.php>



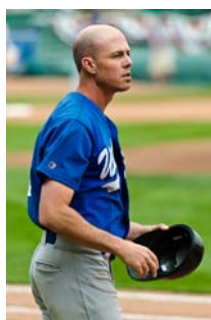
## Student Athletes Merit All-Region Honors

**WNC Softball:** For the first time in the program's history, WNC softball will have representation on Scenic West Athletic Conference All-Region teams. Taleas Marble and Jennifer Quam have been chosen to the first team, and Melanie Pfeiffer was named the SWAC second team.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-16a.php>



**WNC Baseball:** Leading the Wildcats' All-Region Honors is Dylan Baker who has been named Pitcher of the Year. He is among five Wildcats who will represent WNC on the All-Region First Team, along with Andrew Woeck, Brandon Jackson, Derrick Pitts and Neil Lawhorn. Earning second team selections are Zach Hendrix, Bobby Pappin and Taylor Smart. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-14d.php>



## Coach Whittemore Achieves Milestone – 300 Wins

Wildcats Baseball Coach D.J. Whittemore achieved his 300th victory last weekend after only seven seasons, and the milestone came in the nicest way possible - at the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series.

"That's awesome," said WNC pitcher Dylan Baker after learning of his coach's milestone. "He's the greatest coach I've ever had. He cares about his players and knows what he's doing."

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-30a.php>

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, June 11:** Summer classes begin

**Saturdays, June 9-30:** Latino Parenting Workshops. Information: 445-3344

**Monday, June 25, 9 a.m.:** WNC Golf Classic, Thunder Canyon. Info: 445-3240

**Monday, July 2:** Last day to complete financial aid application and checklist items, and to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards, in order to receive financial aid in time for Fall 2012 fees to be paid by class cancellation deadlines

**Wednesday, July 4:** Independence Day holiday, college closed

**Monday, July 30:** Cut Flower Workshop: WNC Carson; Smith & Smith Farms,

**Wednesday, August 8:** Last day to apply for admission as a degree or certificate seeking student for Fall 2012

**Monday, August 27:** Fall classes begin